PRESIDENT: You have had a pleasant interlude. Let us get on to business now. May I take it that the House sanctions the grant?

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIX—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,000 under Demand XIX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Department (Museum and Public Gardens). The Honorary Director, Government Museum and Public Gardens, asked for Rs. 10,000 during last year. Government sanctioned only Rs. 8,500. Towards the end of Vrischikam 1103, the Director under the sanction of Government got down two giraffes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the price paid for each?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know where they were got from?

PRESIDENT: Rhodesia.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether they contemplated exchanging our animals here or they paid cash for them.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): We paid cash and some cow elephants were promised. I do not know exactly the stage at which the correspondence stands.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know what became of the promise?

PRESIDENT: Besides the money one cow elephant has been promised. This cow elephant has been captured and is being trained before being sent away.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether Government thought of exchanging animals alone so that money need not be paid?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There was such a proposal at first, but the Government were not able to comply with that request.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the exact amount paid for the animals?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have given the answer already.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the price fixed for the cow elephant?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information also is not available now.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): So you are not able to mention the cost of the animals.

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, about the *exact* cost. We are now concerned more with the feeding of the animals than with the price paid for them.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was there a proposal from the Company that they would exchange the Giraffe for the elephant?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Is this relevant, Sir? We have already purchased the animals and we are now at the supplementary grant.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When it is a matter of exchanging animals, the question of policy adopted by the Government in this particular transaction is quite relevant.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government have looked into all the aspects of the bargain?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have considered all the aspects of the question.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then may I know, if exchange alone was taken into account, where is the necessity for cash now?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The price paid for the animals is not before the House. It is only the maintenance of the animals that is now before the House.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member can assure the House that these animals are now alive? (Laughter)

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is because they are alive that we are now coming for a supplementary grant.

At the time of the Budget discussion the cost of maintenance of these animals was not taken into consideration.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Why was it not taken?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Because these animals were bought only during the beginning of this year, after the Budget Session.

The monthly average expenditure during the first four months excluding maintenance charges of these animals comes to about Rs. 729—12 chackrams 2 cash, and the total expenditure for the year would therefore amount to Rs. 8753 odd. But the sanctioned estimate for the Museum and Public Gardens comes to only Rs. 8500. The dieting charges of these animals for a month comes to Rs. 75 1/2.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the nature of the diet given to these animals?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Has not the Director made any reference about that in his report?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He does not say anything as to the nature of the diet. The report contains the total cost incurred in connection with dieting charges.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How are the Government to know the cost of the dieting charges?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): On the report of the Director.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Should not the Government make an enquiry?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is a report of the Director and the Government are satisfied with that. Now I am informed that vegetarian diet is usually given to Giraffes.

The expenditure for 8 months on account of dieting charges will come to Rs. 640 for these *animals* alone. The Director has now asked for an allotment of Rs. 1000, Government think that this amount is reasonable.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): So the Government are satisfied, without the Director submitting facts about the nature of the diet, as to its probable cost and all that.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know what, according to the Director, would cost him, to keep a cow within the Museum?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is a hypothetical question. There are ever so many varieties of cows *e. g*, Nellor breed, big and small.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How would the cost stand between the cows and these animals?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think this question requires any answer.

Under these circumstances it is proposed to provide an additional allotment of Rs. 1000 for maintenance charges of the animals in the Zoo.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions the demand?

—The grant was made.

DEMAND XX.—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 782 for the purchrse of almyrahs to stock the Malayalam publications in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Malayalam Manuscripts.

Since the inception of a separate department for the publication of Malayalm Manuscripts, all the copies of the publications issued by it were till now stocked and held for sale in the Government Press under

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